

# EAAC Definitions Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee

02/16/2022

# Agenda

- Welcome Back!
- Reminder of our Charge
- Progress Made
- Current Work
- Survey Review
- Next Steps

# Reminder of our Charge

- ▶ Establish common definition of energy security/self-sufficiency - begin with proposed definition by MEAP Workgroup Subcommittee 2
- ▶ Develop proposal for an energy affordability standard and how the standard can be integrated into the regulatory environment.
- ▶ Draft suggested requirements for consistent energy affordability-related information for utilities to submit to appropriate dockets: rate cases, IRPs, EWR cases.

# Progress Made

- ▶ Determined to pursue a definition of energy affordability
- ▶ Discussed concepts inherent in self-sufficiency and energy security
- ▶ Ruled out some concepts/language
  - ▶ Fuel types
  - ▶ Non-energy utilities
- ▶ Narrowed down definition options

# Current Work: Survey Development

- ▶ Objective:
  - ▶ Obtain Stakeholder input into the meaning of included concepts
- ▶ Included concepts:
  - ▶ Having a cost that is not too high
  - ▶ Able to be afforded
  - ▶ Home energy efficiency
  - ▶ Health and wellness
  - ▶ Sustainability

# Survey Feedback



Multiple responses with suggestions for changes



Adjusted language for more clear understanding



Reviewed format for ease of completion

# Current Work: Survey Development (continued)

## ▶ Stakeholders:

- ▶ Partner organizations (direct service staff) providing energy assistance to MI households
- ▶ MI residents receiving energy assistance

## ▶ Timeline:

- ▶ Distribute survey links week of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ Survey responses due March 10<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Present survey results at March EAAC Definitions Subcommittee Meeting

# 2022 and 2023 Goals and Timeline

- ▶ Establish a definition of Energy Affordability (May/June 2022)
- ▶ Transition into discussions about an energy affordability standard (June/July 2022)
- ▶ Develop a proposal for an energy affordability standard (July - November 2022)
- ▶ Discuss how the standard can be integrated into the regulatory environment (January - June 2023)
- ▶ Draft suggested requirements for consistent energy affordability-related information for utilities to submit to appropriate dockets: rate cases, IRPs, EWR cases (July - November 2023)



# Meeting Cadence



3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH



1:45PM - 2:30PM

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